



**Zero Waste Arlington
February 2024 Special Meeting - Meeting Minutes
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Date: 02/15/24

Time: 7pm

Location: Zoom

Attendees: Priya Sankalia, Jim Ballin, Larry Slotnick, Paul Goldberg, Amy Speare, Margie Bell, Charlotte Milan

Agenda

1. Old Business
 - a. Review and approve November 2023 and Jan 18th 2024 ZWA meeting minutes.
2. New Business
 - a. Skip the Stuff outreach planning
 - b. Plastic Free MA membership vote
 - c. Chamber of Commerce membership discussion
 - d. ZWA Strategic Planning discussion
 - e. Subcommittee Updates
 - f. Miscellaneous Topics

Minutes

1. The committee approved November 2023 and January 2024 special meeting minutes
2. The committee voted in favor of being a member of Plastic Free MA. Paul will follow up on membership.
3. Discussion on membership to Arlington Chamber of Commerce: Larry made the case for the committee being members
 - a. It would be a good show of support and show the members that the chamber is willing to work with them on waste reduction
 - b. There are several other town committees who are members including the tree committee.
 - c. This could be a networking opportunity
 - d. From Deanne's email it is an add-on membership of \$55

- e. There was discussion on whether this would benefit us.
- f. In conclusion the committee voted in favor of being a member and using \$55 of our budget for the membership fees

4. ZWA Meetings starting next month - March 2024
 - a. There are some conflicts with the 4th Thursday of the month
 - b. Members were okay with moving to the 3rd Thursdays
 - c. Meetings would be in person at Grove St
 - d. Priya to send Charlotte list of meetings for the year
5. Budget Discussion
 - a. We are to give the Town a budget for FY 2025. Priya/Larry to present budget under the following categories:
 - i. Town Day outreach materials
 - ii. Website costs
 - iii. Website hosting
 - iv. Graphics designer
 - v. Zoom
 - vi. Visioning exercise - \$500
6. Strategic Planning/Visioning meeting
 - a. Plan for it on a weekend
 - b. Put out an email on the Arlington list
 - c. Do a doodle poll for a Sunday afternoon - pick a few dates in April and May.
Priya to follow up with doodle poll and email on list.
7. Charlotte Updates
 - a. EcoFest in April - May
 - b. April 20 and 21st - ZWA plastics awareness event for EcoFest - ZWA will sponsor and be on panel
 - c. Resource Fair - want it to have a strong environmental organization showing 28th of April. Good tabling opportunity
 - d. Discussed additional tabling opportunities - outside Whole Foods and Stop N Shop
 - i. We could do it during EcoFest
 - ii. Sign up for tabling
 - e. Pumpkin Recycling
 - i. We could plan it as a separate event
 - ii. Drop off at Reuse and Recycle Center
 - iii. Have Black Earth give us a truck that can stay over the weekend
 - iv. Families outside of school going kids can drop off
 - v. Plan for Nov 9th
 - vi. Larry will reach out to Black Earth
 - f. New hauling contract - This Spring will be going out to bid on a new hauling contract starting July 2025. Want it signed this summer for the budget for FY 26
8. Skip the Stuff update
 - a. Amy updated the committee on progress
 - b. Email sent out to restaurants with survey link

- c. 3 responses so far
- 9. Update on legislation - The Senate Ways and Means bills are focused on plastics (nips, single use plastic bottles, food service ware) - very large bills that are composites of smaller bills. The other is the Paint Products Stewardship bill is in Ways and Means.
 - a. Mully and Paul are working on strategies on connecting with the chairs of these committees - Cindy Friedman is the chair of one of them
 - b. Contacting the speaker etc.
 - c. Revamped bottle bill could bring in estimated \$200 million which is a good amount of \$\$
 - d. Paul will write a boilerplate letter on some call to action

Meeting adjourned at 8:28